ed in the matter as part of a persuasion campaign.

**Impor of steel rails**

4019. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are importing various types of steel rails for new rail tracks and for replacement of old and worn-out tracks;

(b) if so, what are the details of imports made in 1987-88, names of overseas suppliers, quantities and types imported from each and the cost paid in foreign exchange to each; and

(c) what are the estimates of imports in 1988-89 and 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the imports made in 1987-88 are given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(c) The estimates of imports for 1988-89 and 1989-90 are 1.67 lakh tonnes and 1.78 lakh tonnes, respectively.

**Statement**

*Details of Rails Imported in* 1987-88

| Name of the Overseas Supplier | Type of Rails | Quantity (in tonnes) | Cost paid in foreign exchange (in Cr. Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| M/s Sydney Steel Corporation, Canada | 60 Kg. 90 UTS | 30,000 | 15.72 |
| M/s Voest Alpine, Austria | 52 Kg. 90 UTS | 35,000 | 17 5 |
| M/s Samsung Company Ltd., South Korea | 52 Kg. 90 UTS | 15,000 | 7.5 |
| M/s British Steel Corporation, United Kingdom | 52 Kg. 90 UTS | 9,000 | 8 56 |
| M/s British Steel Corporation, United Kingdom | 52 Kg. Head Hardened | 6 000 | |
| M/s Ferrostaal, West Germany | 90 R 90 UTS | 35,000 | 16 73 |
| M/s Le Materiel De Voie, France | 90 R 90 UTS | 20,000 | 7 22 |
| M/s British Steel Corporation, United Kingdom | 75 lb. 90 UTS | 20,000 | 9 84 |
| | TOTAL : | 1,70,000 | 83 07 |